

## **City of Fresno**

## PeopleSoft 8.9 HRMS Query Training Manual

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#### **Query Overview**

A query is a method of retrieving information that is stored in PeopleSoft. All the information about employees, their jobs, their time, and their pay is available to query. Data is stored in various **Records** (also called Tables) in the PeopleSoft database, with **Fields** that hold specific information (e.g. employee id, name, job code, date), and multiple rows that contain unique values for all employees, jobs, reported time, etc. A guery will have **Criteria** that limit the results based on your needs.

Before you begin a query, you need to know the answers to three questions:

- What do I want to know?
- Where is the information?
- How do I limit the results to only the data I need.

The answers to these questions will tell you what records, fields, and criteria to use.

#### **Accessing Queries**

PeopleSoft queries are created, edited & run from the Query Manager on the Reporting Tools menu. If you are opening an existing query, search by the query name. If you are creating a new query, click the <u>Create New Query</u> link at the bottom. This manual will focus on building new queries. Once built, it is a straightforward process to open an existing query, edit if necessary, and re-run.



#### **Creating a Query**

In order to give you all the necessary tools to create queries, we will walk you through the process of creating a query that shows leave time taken for FMLA for your department or division.

Start by clicking on "Create New Query".

#### Where is the information?

The first step is to select the Records to be used to choose fields for the query. Enter the first few letters of the desired record to refine the desired search:

For this query we need to collect time reporting codes (TRC) and reported hours for all employees in the department/division for the fiscal year. This information can be found in the TL\_PAYABLE\_TIME record.



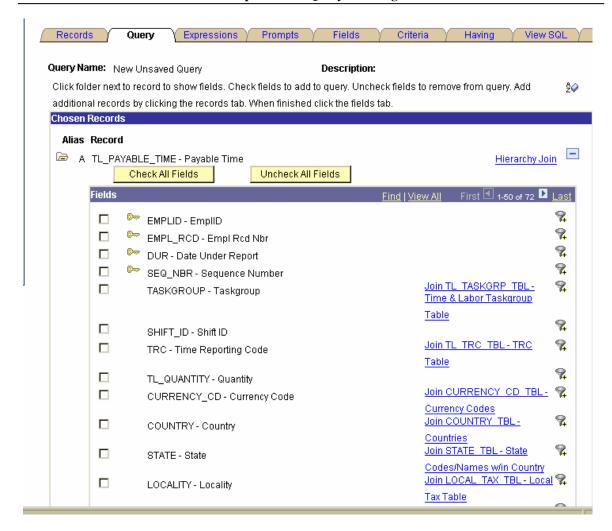
The Lookup displays available records.



If you are not sure what record to use you can click on "Show Fields" and see what choices you will have in this record.

Click on "Add Record" next to TL\_PAYABLE\_TIME - Payable Time. This will add the record to the query and allow you to select fields to display and use as criteria.

After you have added the record, this page will come up showing all of the fields available to you.



You can select the fields you need by checking the boxes on the left hand side.

For this query we need:

EMPLID - EmplID (Employee ID)

DUR – Date Under Report (shows the dates the TRC was used)

TRC – Time Reporting Code

TL\_QUANTITY – Quantity (Number of hours charged to the TRC)

In order to limit results to your Department/Division you will need to add another record to the query. The JOB record has the data we need.

Click on the "Records" tab.

Type JOB in the search box and select "Join Record" next to JOB – EE Job History.



It is important to remember that there must be a key field that is shared by the two records to be joined. For this query both the TL\_PAYABLE\_TIME and the JOB records have an EmplID field that can be used to link them.

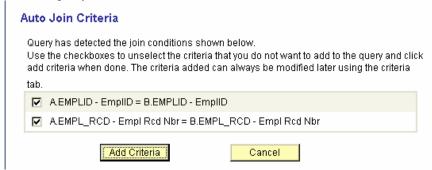
Click on A=TL PAYABLE TIME – Payable Time to create the join.

Select join type and then record to join with JOB - EE Job History.



The Auto Join Criteria Page will come up and show you which fields have the ability to link the records together. Normally the default join criteria are appropriate and we can accept them as presented.

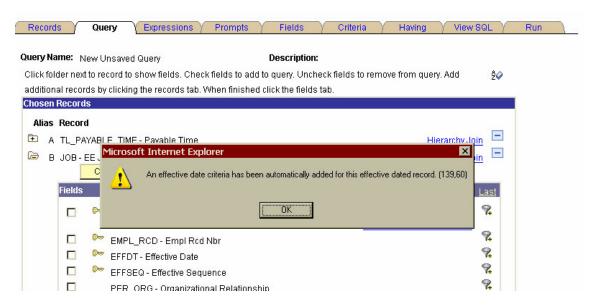
For this Query we will leave both boxes checked.



#### Click "Add Criteria"

A warning box will come up letting you know that an effective date criteria has been automatically set up for this record. This automatic feature happens on tables with historical data to help you limit the amount of data you will receive. For most queries, you will want to display the current data.

The JOB record holds information for all employees and all positions they have held. The automatic effective date criteria ensures that the query results only show the current job information for each employee. If you need to change this it can be done so later. For now, click OK.



When a new record is added the old record "collapses" into a folder. An individual folder may be expanded or collapsed by clicking on the Yellow-Folder icon (showing a '+' or '-' indicator under 'Alias Record').



Check the boxes: DEPTID - Department and EMPL STATUS - Payroll Status

If we were to run the query as it is we would receive information for all employees (that you are able to view), including those no longer in City service and all TRCs. We need to set up criteria to limit the number of employees we are seeing, view the appropriate time period, and select only the TRCs that relate to FMLA.

First we will limit the information to Active Employees.

Click on the funnel to the right of the EMPL\_STATUS - Payroll Status.



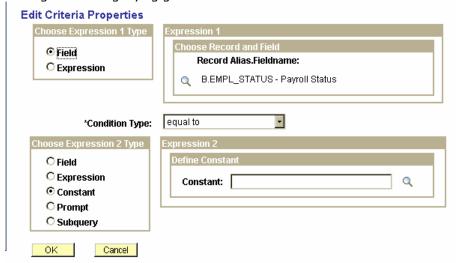
The Edit Criteria will come up as shown below.

The Expression 1 Box shows the field that you are adding the criteria to.

The Condition Type determines how much data you wish to retrieve.

In this case we only want Active Employees so we can leave this at "equal to"

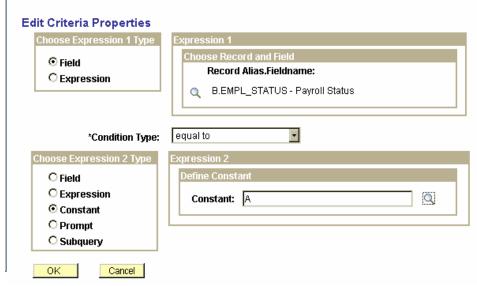
The Expression 2 box is where you can define the Constant. You can look up possible choices by clicking on the magnifying glass.



These are the choices for EMPL\_STATUS



In this case we want Active employees or "A". Click "Select Constant" next to Active.

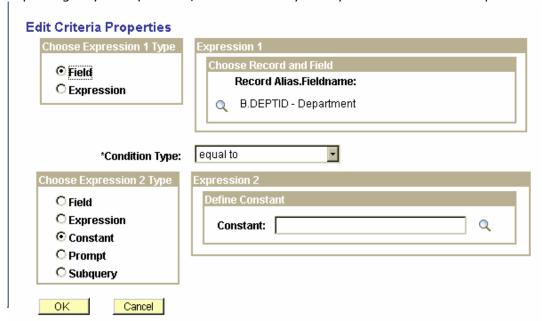


Click OK.

Next we need to limit the results to Departments/Divisions.



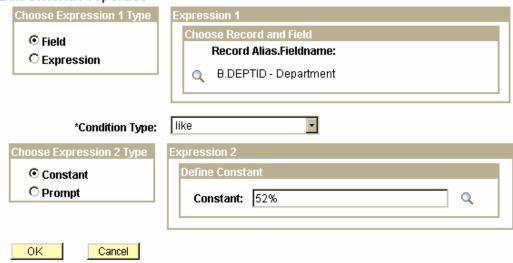
Depending on your department/division number you may not want to use the "equal to" condition type.



EX. The Finance Department has department numbers ranging from 520100 to 520500. If I want to retrieve everyone in Finance I can use a criteria with a Wildcard. This will allow me to gather just those employees in Finance.

Change the Condition Type to "like" and then define the constant as the first 2 numbers of your department followed by the % symbol. This will gather all employees that are in a department/division starting with 52.

### **Edit Criteria Properties**



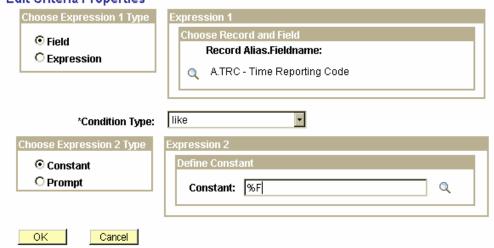
#### Click OK.

Go back to the TL\_PAYABLE\_TIME record and click on the funnel next to TRC – Time Reporting Code.

▼ TRC - Time Reporting Code Join TL TRC TBL - TRC

We want to set this criteria so that it grabs all TRCs that end with "F" (the designation for FMLA)

#### **Edit Criteria Properties**

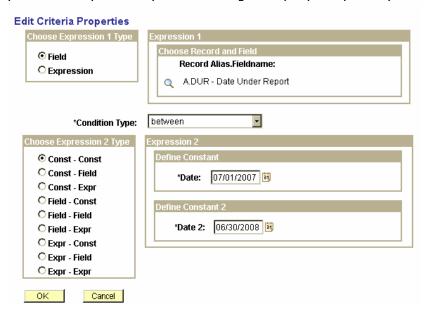


Click OK.

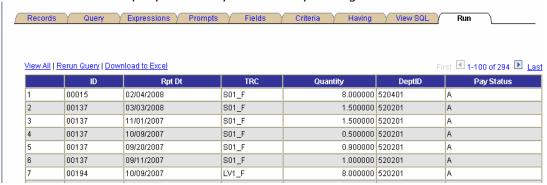
Go back to the TL\_PAYABLE\_TIME record and click on the Funnel next to DUR - Date Under Report



On this we want a range of dates. Change the Condition Type to "between" and then put in the range of dates. So I do not have to edit this query every time I run it, I set the time period for the entire fiscal year. This way I will only have to change the query every fiscal year.



You can now run the guery and view your results by clicking on the Run tab.



From here you can look over the results and make sure they show the data you are looking for. If not, you may need to change the criteria, add more fields, or even add another record with more fields. If the data is what you want to see, you can "Download to Excel" and save the data there.

To change or add criteria you can go to the criteria tab. Here you will see all the criteria already created.



The first and second lines link the 2 records together.

The third line is the effective date of the JOB table.

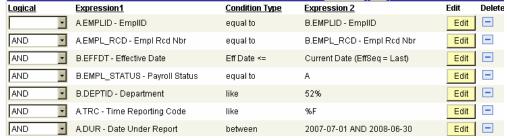
The last 4 lines are the different criteria we set up earlier.

Each of these can be edited by clicking on the Edit button or deleted by clicking on the minus sign.

The letters at the beginning of each field tell you which record that data is being pulled from. If you go back to the Query tab you see that TL PAYABLE TIME is record "A" and JOB is record "B".



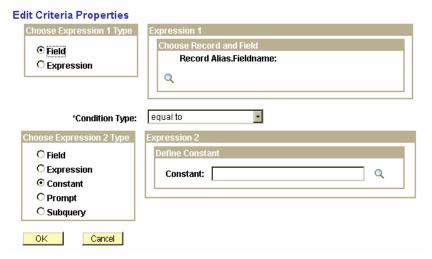
Looking back at the Criteria tab you can see that the EMPLID of record A is equal to the EMPLID of record B.



To add a criteria from this page click Add Criteria.

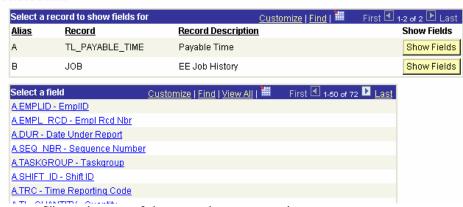


You will need to add a field in the Expression 1 box. Click on the Magnifying glass.



Select the field you need and it will show up in the Expression 1 box.

#### Select a field

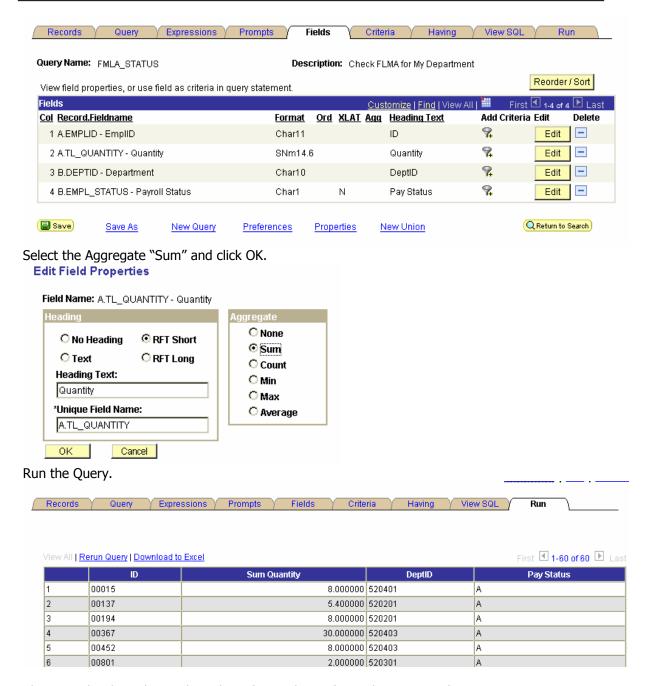


You can fill out the rest of the page the same as above.

#### **Summing Fields**

It is possible to sum the results of a field for each of the other fields displayed. In the query we have built so far, we are displaying the hours leave for each day for each TRC for each employee. If we want to display the total hours for each day for each employee we would delete the TRC field. If you want a sum of all FMLA used for each employee delete the DUR and TRC boxes. The detail is not displayed and the data is summarized for the remaining fields.

Go to the Fields tab and click the Edit button next to TL\_QUANTITY.

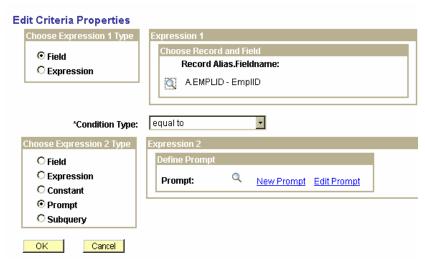


These results show the total number of FMLA hours for each active employee in Finance in FY08.

#### **Prompt Criteria**

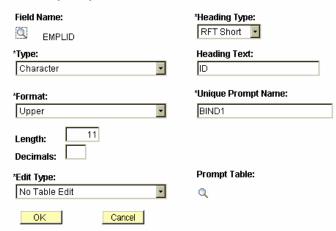
If you want to see results for only one employee you can add a Prompt.

Go to the Criteria tab and click on Add Criteria.

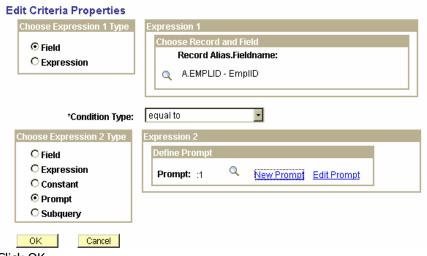


In the Expression 1 box use the magnifying glass to select A.EMPLID. In the Choose Expression 2 Type, select "Prompt", Leave the Condition Type as "equal to". In the Expression 2 box select New Prompt.

#### **Edit Prompt Properties**

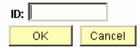


Confirm that the "Edit Type" is "No Table Edit". Click OK without making any changes.

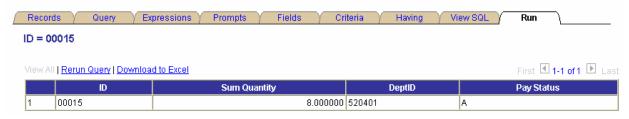


Click OK.

Run the query again.

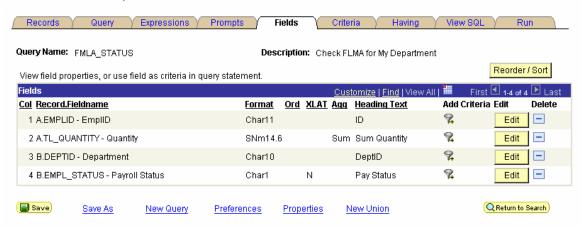


Type in the ID you need and hit OK.

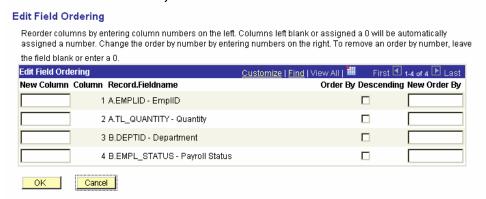


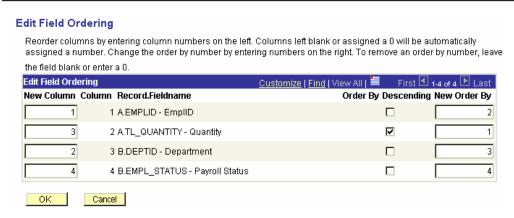
You will get results for just that employee.

If you do not like the way the columns are laid out or want to change the sort order go to the Fields tab and click on Reorder/Sort.



Put numbers in under "New Column" to determine your new layout. Use "New Order By" to change the Sort Order. If you want to change how the data sorts check the "Order By Descending" box (this will sort the data Z-A instead of A-Z).

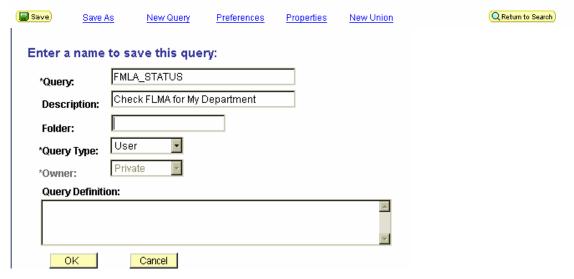




These changes will make the query order the data by TL\_QUANTITY instead of by EMPLID and will put those employees with the most FMLA at the top of the list.

The query can be saved at any time by going to the bottom of any screen (except when on the Run tab) and clicking "Save".

When saving for the first time you will be asked to enter a name for the query (no spaces are allowed). You can also put in a description to help you remember what the query does.



Expressions are a way to modify the data in fields, perform mathematical functions on fields, join two fields together, or display only part of the data in the fields. Use of expressions is a more advanced function of query and will not be covered in this manual. If you need to use an expression in a query, please contact ISD or Payroll.

## **APPENDIX:**

## Common HR, PR and TL Tables v.8.3

Listed are the most commonly used query records in HR, PR and T&L. Not all records are listed, and not all fields within the records, but these should fulfill most of the needs in the field.

#### PERSONAL\_DATA

Employee ID

Name

Address

Phone

Gender

Birth date

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Employee ID

Hire Date (same as Original Hire Date)

Service Date (the date on which leave accruals are based)

**Termination Date** 

Last Increase Date

Job Title

Last Date Worked

#### JOB

Employee ID

Effective Date

Department ID

Job Code

Position Number

**Employee Status** 

Regular/Temp

Full/Part Time

Paygroup

Step

Step Entry Date

Account Code

Compensation Rate

#### PERSONAL\_VW

Employee ID

Name

#### PAY\_CHECK

Employee ID

Name

Pay End Date

**Total Gross** 

**Total Taxes** 

**Total Deductions** 

**Net Pay** 

#### PAY EARNINGS

Employee ID

Pay End Date

Additional Pay Line Number

Earnings Begin Date

Earnings End Date

#### PAY OTH EARNS

Pay End Date

Additional Pay Line Number

Earn Code

Hours

Earnings

#### TL\_RPTD\_TIME

Employee ID

Date under Report

Time Reporting Code

Quantity

PC Business Unit

Project ID

Account Code

Resource Type

Activity ID

#### TL\_PAYABLE\_TIME

Employee ID

Date under Report

Time Reporting Code

Quantity

Labor Distributed Amount

Payable Status

Frozen Date

Approval Date/time Stamp

PC Business Unit

Project ID

Account Code

Resource Type

Activity ID

#### TL\_EMPL\_DATA

Employee ID

Effective Date

Time Reporter Status

Time Reporting Template

Workgroup

Taskgroup

Task Profile ID

#### TL\_GROUP\_DTL

Group ID

Employee ID

#### TL\_NAME\_VW

Employee ID

Name

#### TL\_TASKGRP\_TBL

Taskgroup

Effective Date

**Effective Status** 

Task Profile ID

Description

Elapsed Reporting Template

#### TL\_TSKPRF\_DETL

Taskgroup

Task Profile ID

Effective Date

Allocation Percent

PC Business Unit

Project ID

Account Code

Resource Type

Activity ID

#### Z\_EMPL\_DATA

Employee ID

Perm Status Date

Pension Date

Position Number

Date Next Increase

**Date Next Evaluation** 

#### Z\_PR\_GL\_REPORT – This table is a good summary, by pay period, of employee costs including fringe

Employee ID

Name

CFTI Record Type

Earn Code

Account Code

**GL** Account

PC Business Unit

Project ID

Activity

Distributed Amount

Hours